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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to Rule 56, applicant hereby calls the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

This document is accompanied by a Form PTO-1449 listing U.S. Patent No. Korean Patent Application KRA2001-22227 (Item A) and its counterpart US Patent 5,963,134 (Item 1) and Korean Patent Application KRA2003-008383 (Item B) and its English Abstract (Item BB). These items were cited in and first brought to Applicants' attention by an Office Action issued by the Korean Patent Office on December 9, 2005 for counterpart Korean Patent Application No. 10-2004-0012214. The Korean Office Action is enclosed and is also listed on the Form PTO-1449 (Item AA).

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